

MINUTES OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LOS ALTOS CITY HALL-COMMUNITY CHAMBERS, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Wes Brinsfield (Chair), Jim Fenton (Vice-Chair), Suzanne Ambiel, Chris Hlavka, Bill Crook, Bill Sheppard, Richard Baer, Cedric Novenario (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

On a motion by Bill Crook, seconded by Suzanne Ambiel, the minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 27, 2014 item is approved as amended. Passed 7-0.

2. Commercial Design Review for a new mixed use building at 999 Fremont Avenue

Planning staff and the developer provided a presentation and overview of the proposed redevelopment at 999 Fremont Avenue. The discussion focused on the potential improvements and impacts to bicycle and pedestrian facilities by the proposed development. Planning staff specifically requested for direction regarding accommodating bike and pedestrian facilities on Fremont Avenue.

The BPAC provided comments for consideration which include:

- Concerned that a 3-story building will have sight distance issues
- Visibility concerns at corners
- Request improvements for bikes and pedestrians benefit routes to school
- Want bike lanes on Fremont Avenue
- Want widest sidewalk possible
- Bike capacity concerns
- Realign ADA ramps with path of travel
- Bicycle and Pedestrian quality of service concerns
- Shadowing of buildings on traffic
- Red light running

Summary of BPAC direction

- The project should include wider sidewalks;
- The project should include bicycle lanes;
- The project should improve ADA ramps;

- The project should improve line-of-sight issues at corners;
- The project should clarify the details/locations of Class I and II bicycle facilities; and
- TIA should evaluate the following:
 - Parking estimates to determine whether parking is sufficient for proposed uses.
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Quality of service
 - A determination whether A Street should be one-way. If so, what is the impact to bicyclists and pedestrians, and line-of-sight.

Public Comments included:

- Bike crossing at A/Miramonte is a concern
- School commute from unincorporated Los Altos is a concern
- The building would impact line of sight at the intersection of A/Miramonte
- Red light running at intersection of Fremont/Miramonte impacts pedestrians and cyclists

3. Springer Traffic Calming

Staff provided an overview and summary of the Springer Traffic Calming Community meeting on June 17, 2014. The BPAC reviewed a summary of comments received and group exercises. The BPAC provided comments ranging from:

- Concerned about how the data was collected and summarized
- Concerned about sample size of data (number of residents participating)
- Improve pedestrian facilities where possible
- Desire for sidewalks on Collector Streets
- No to 2-way bike lanes
- Parking enforcement needed
- Recommend implementing mock-up improvements as a test
- Consider improvements for route to schools

Public Comment included

- Concerned about how the data was collected and summarized
- Concerned about how the meeting was conducted
- Concerned about medians narrowing the road and blocking access to driveways
- Request for improved speed enforcement
- Add more sidewalks
- Speed humps/tables are a hazard

Staff will consider these comments before making a presentation to the PTC.

4. Suggested Routes to Schools Map

Staff presented a draft of the Almont Elementary Suggested Routes to School Map. The commission provided general comments regarding:

- Adding bike lane and sidewalk facilities
- Add in BCS site locations
- Clarify where path connectors are located
- Improve map's color contrast
- Show bike/walk radius as circles
- Improve school boundary contrast

The remaining LASD schools and Montclair Elementary school will also reflect the comments provided. Revised maps will be presented to each school for additional comments.

5. BPAC Calendar

Staff presented the revised BPAC Calendar and provided overview into the upcoming meetings potential agenda items.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Monthly Staff Reports

Staff liaison updated Commission on related City Projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wes Brinsfield adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.